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August 9, 2005

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director of Public Health and Health Officer

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SUBJECT: **BOARD MOTION ON WEST NILE VIRUS PREVENTION AND
OUTREACH**

On June 14, 2005, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich directing Public Health to 1) continue the collaborative efforts for surveillance and mosquito control with the Mosquito and Vector Control Districts, and the rural areas such as the Antelope Valley; 2) include educational meetings and outreach activities regarding West Nile Virus to horse owners, animal supply stores, adult day care centers, senior homes and other community groups that can be identified; and 3) report to the Board within 30 days. This is a status report on efforts since our July 7, 2005 report.

Since our last report, the following activities have occurred:

- Service Planning Area 1 Public Health Nurses have completed outreach to all town councils and local groups that agreed to have presentations. To date they have completed fourteen presentations.
- Future presentations are pending response from groups previously contacted. We also will conduct a large outreach on August 30, 2005, at the Antelope Valley Fair Senior Day.
- Our Public Health Investigators are also distributing information to local feed and farm supply stores in the region.
- Environmental Health staff continue to distribute information during their regular inspection duties in facilities throughout SPA 1.

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- The ballot results for annexation of Quartz Hills, Rancho Vista and parts of Palmdale into the Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District were announced on July 13, 2005. Voters approved the assessment and coverage will begin shortly.
- The unincorporated areas from Quartz Hills west toward Santa Clarita along Highway 14 were not part of the annexation election. This area will be provided with mosquito control services for an additional year beginning July 1, 2005 through a service contract with the Antelope Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District and the Department of Health Services. However, Environmental Health recently submitted and received an award of \$19,425 to supplement Mosquito Control efforts to mitigate the threat of West Nile virus transmission in this area.

Future follow-ups regarding our efforts to control West Nile Virus in the Antelope Valley will be contained in the 2005 West Nile Virus Action Plan Monthly Follow-Up Report submitted monthly to the Board. If you have any questions or need additional information, please let either of us know.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors